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## THE HEDGEHOG

ISSUE 252





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## THE HEDGEHOG

### PREVIOUSLY...

#### THE COLLISION OF TWO WORLDS HAS CRASHED TO A CLOSE!

When we last left off, our heroes were searching the depths of Dr. Eggman's ultimate weapon, the Death Egg, in hopes of finding their teammate-turned-killer-robot, Sally Acorn!

With the help of Silver the Hedgehog, our heroes were able to shut down Mecha Sally before she could cause any major damage. The celebration was cut short by Eggman, who initiated the Genesis Wave which threw Sonic into a cross-dimensional adventure!

Super Sonic used Chaos Control in order to revert the world back to the way it was, but Dr. Eggman interfered and distorted Sonic's technique. The fate of Sonic's universe has since remained a mystery, **A MYSTERY WHICH WILL NOW BE REVEALED...**



## WHO'S WHO



**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**  
FASTEST THING ALIVE



**MILES "TAILS" PROWER**  
SONIC'S BEST BUD



**DR. EGGMAN**  
SONIC'S MAD SCIENTIST NEMESIS



**NICOLE THE LYNX**  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



# AT ALL COSTS

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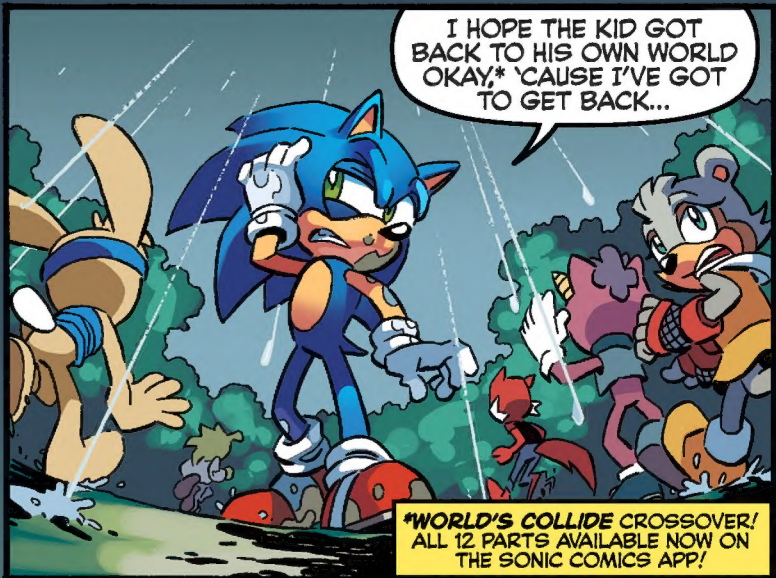
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**SONIC THE  
HEDGEHOG**

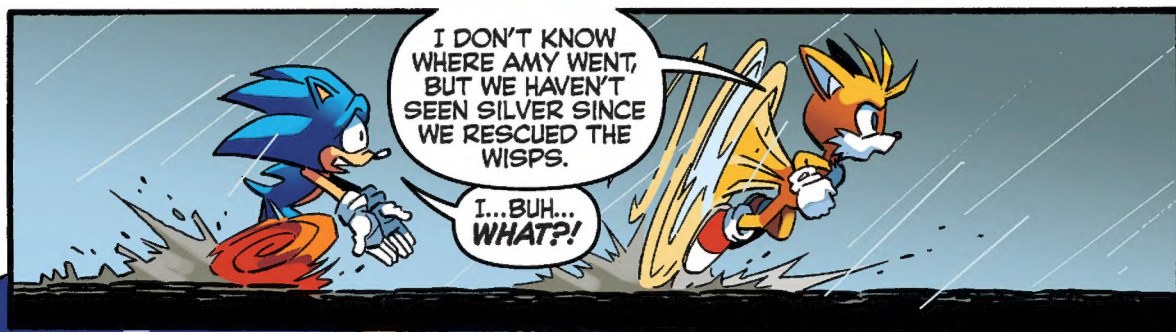
**THE FASTEST  
THING ALIVE**

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"...DOES THAT MEAN  
**NAUGUS** IS INVOLVED?"

**CURSE IT ALL!**  
FIRST EGGMAN SENDS  
HIS CREATIONS AFTER ME,  
THEN THE QUICKSTER  
ARRIVES!

SERVES YOU  
RIGHT, **WALLY**. TERROR-  
IZING THE CITIZENS, LYING  
AND MANIPULATING YOUR  
WAY TO THE CROWN!

DON'T  
LECTURE ME,  
AND NEVER  
CALL ME  
THAT!

THIS  
WOULDN'T  
BE AN ISSUE  
IF YOU MADE  
GOOD ON  
YOUR  
PROMISE!

**NAUGUS**  
USURPER &  
EX-WIZARD

**NICOLE**  
ADVANCED A.I.,  
FREEDOM  
FIGHTER

HURRY UP AND  
FINISH MAKING THAT  
SUPER RING SO I CAN  
RESTORE MY MAGIC!

I TOLD YOU--  
I'M NOT SURE I  
CAN MAKE ONE.

THEN  
I WILL  
FIND  
SOME  
OTHER  
WAY!

IN THE  
NEXT FIVE  
MINUTES?

**GRRRRRR!!**  
YOU'LL FINISH  
THAT RING OR I'LL  
MAKE YOU--!





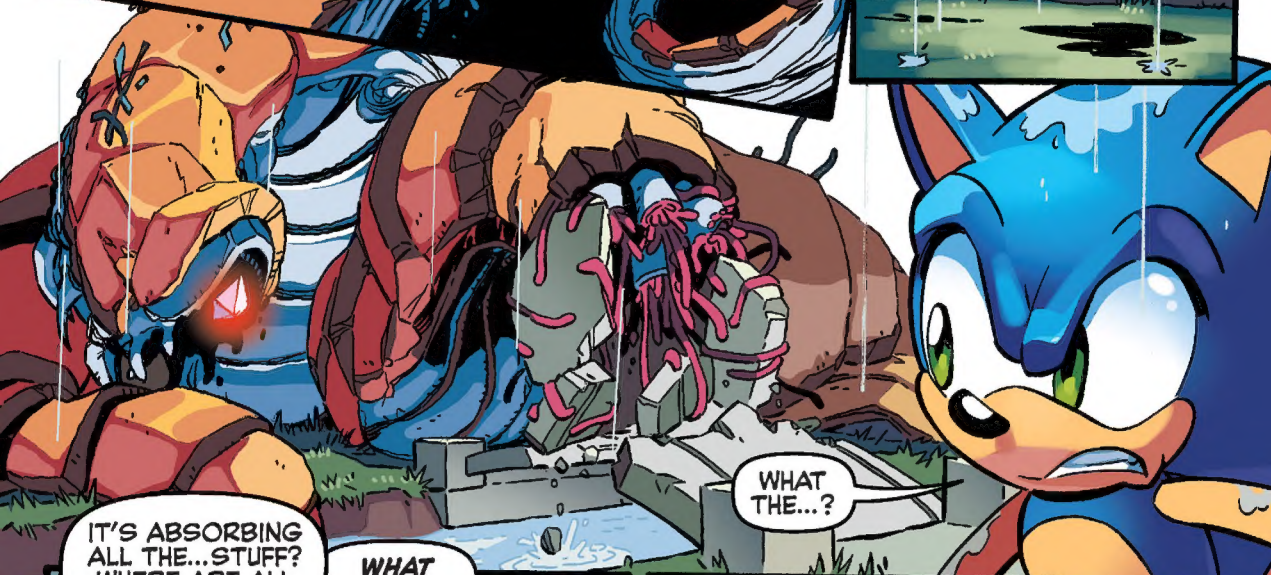








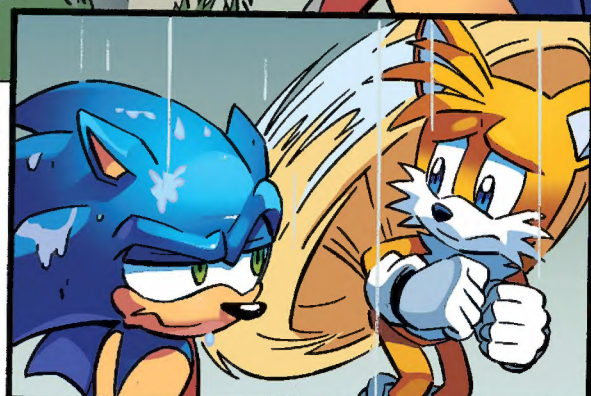
**KRASH**



IT'S ABSORBING ALL THE...STUFF? WHERE ARE ALL THE NANITES THAT MAKE UP THE CITY?

WHAT NANITES?

WHAT THE...?

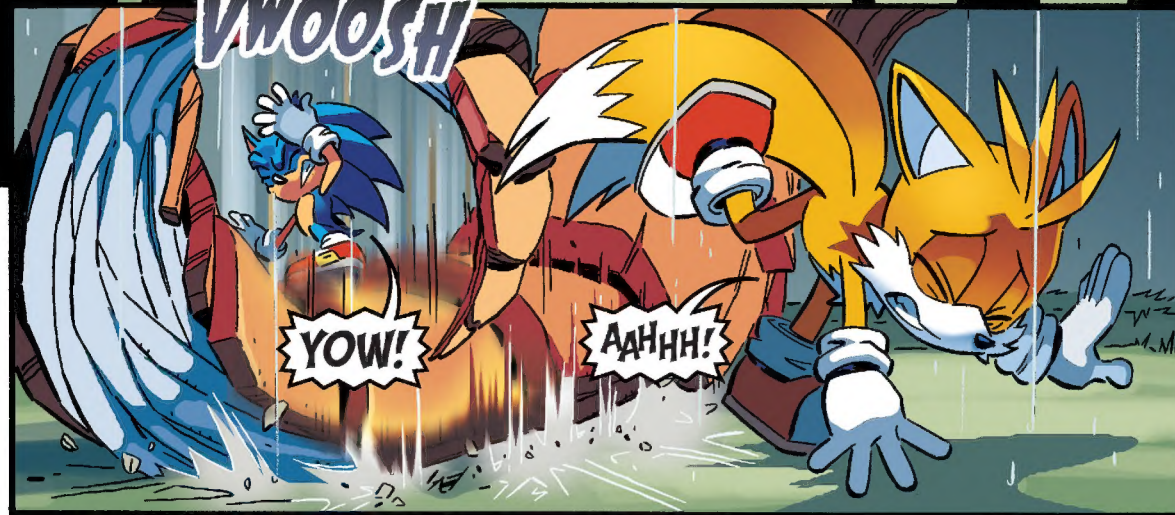
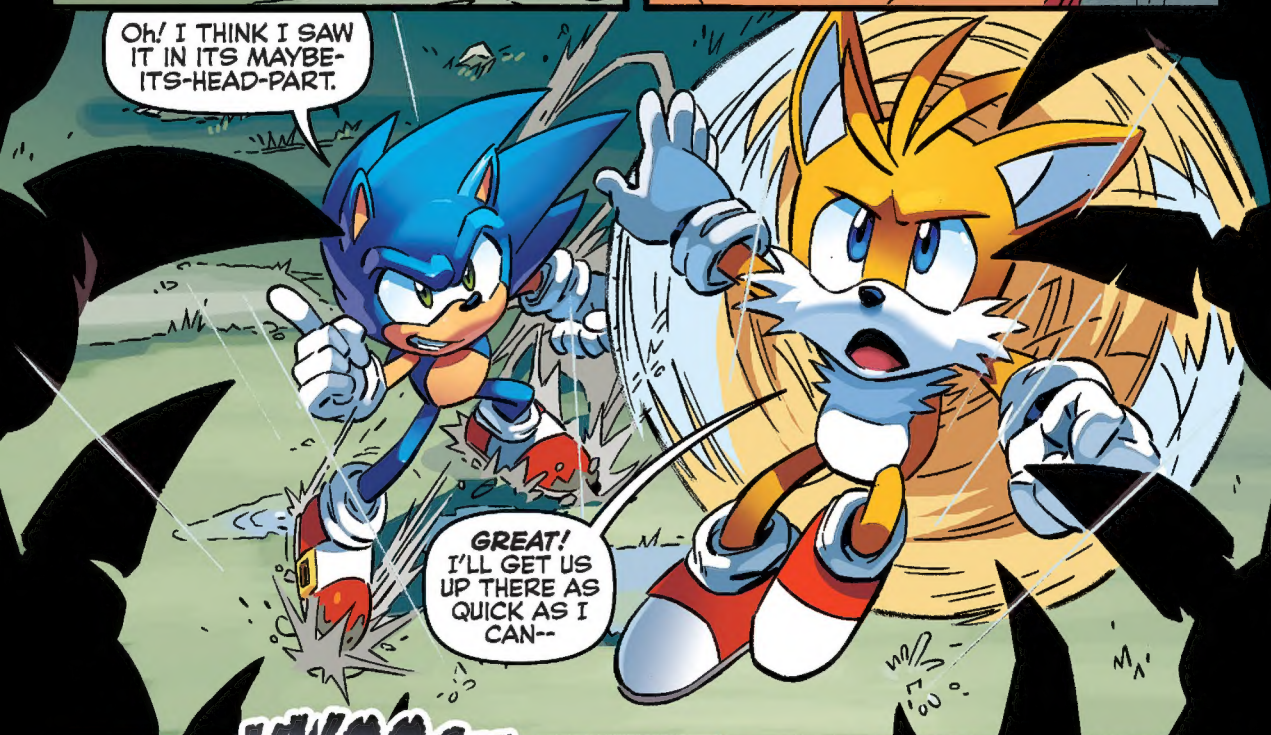
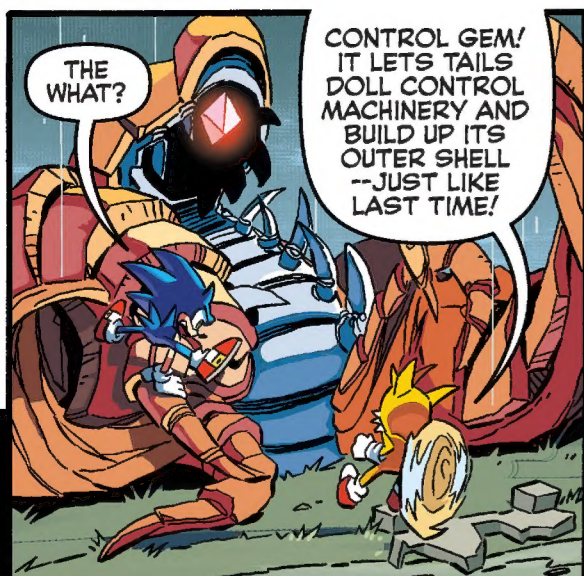


I'LL EXPLAIN LATER. MY **POINT** BEING, IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH DAMAGE WE DO, BECAUSE TALL, DARK AND GRUESOME CAN REBUILD HIMSELF OUT OF ANYTHING.

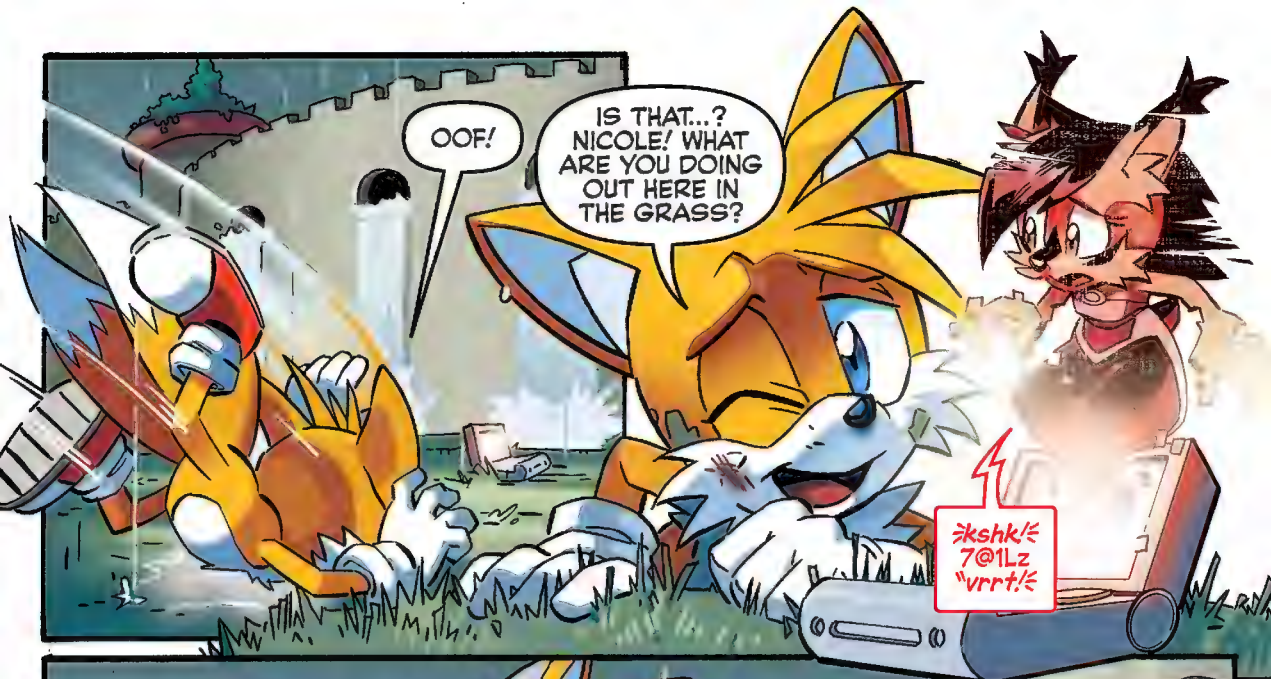
RIGHT! WE NEED TO FIND THE CONTROL GEM!







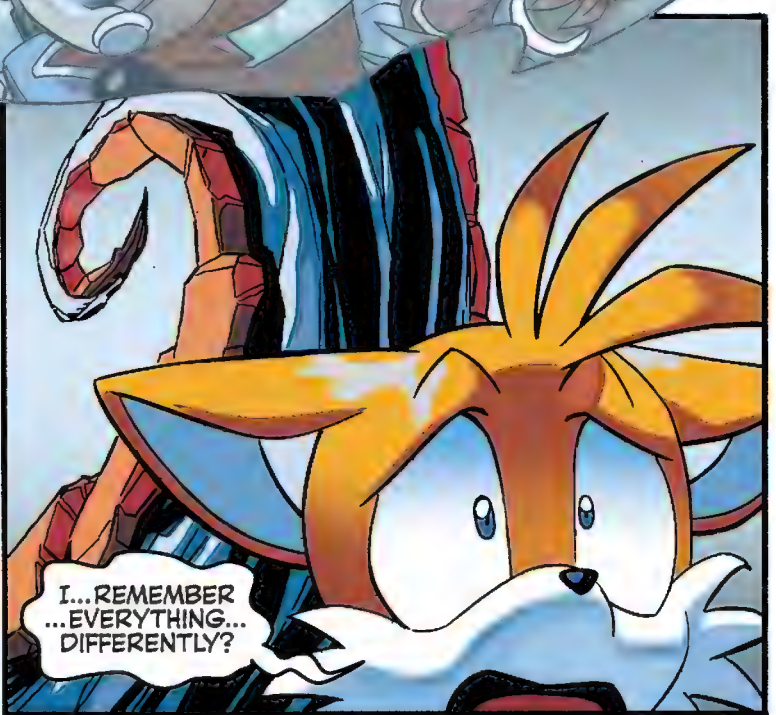
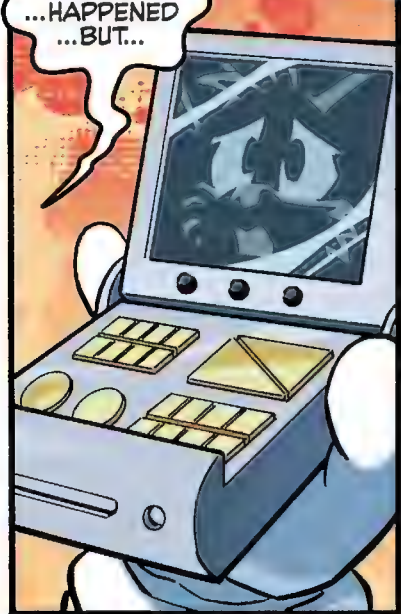






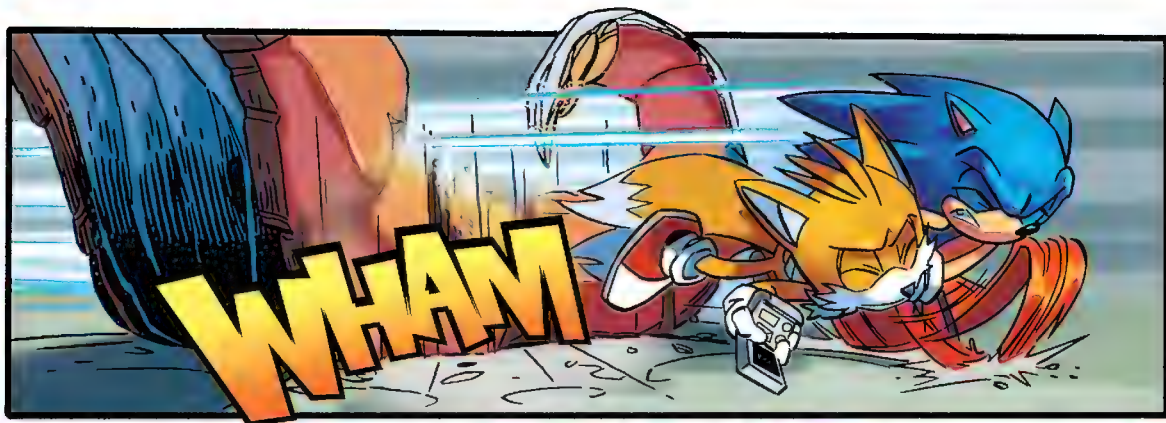


...ALL  
THAT...  
ALL THAT  
HAPPENED  
...BUT...



I... REMEMBER  
...EVERYTHING...  
DIFFERENTLY?





YO, TAILS?  
YOU STILL  
WITH ME?

Y-YEAH...  
YEAH, I...



SONIC...THERE WAS  
ANOTHER WORLD!

WE WERE RESCUING  
SALLY, AND THEN WE MET  
THOSE ROBOTS FROM THAT  
OTHER UNIVERSE, AND THEN...



SEE? I'M *NOT*  
CRAZY, AND NEITHER  
ARE YOU. BUT LIKE I  
SAID, *ONE THING AT  
A TIME*. LET'S FINISH  
TAKING CARE OF UGLY,  
HERE, 'CAUSE I'M  
SICK OF RUNNING  
IN THE RAIN.



THEN WE CAN WORRY ABOUT  
THE MESSED UP REALITY.

R-RIGHT.  
I'M WITH  
YOU.

I KNEW I  
COULD COUNT  
ON YA. REMIND  
ME TO SEND A  
MEMO TO  
EGGY...



"...TELLING HIM NOT  
TO MAKE ANYTHING  
SO CREEPY AGAIN!"

EFRIKAN  
PLAINS

≡KOFF!≡  
≡KOFF!≡

DR. EGGMAN  
EVIL GENIUS

I HATE  
THAT  
HEDGE-  
HOG...

OOF!

RRGGH--  
ORBOT!  
CUBOT!  
YOU BETTER  
HAVE MADE IT  
BACK TOO!

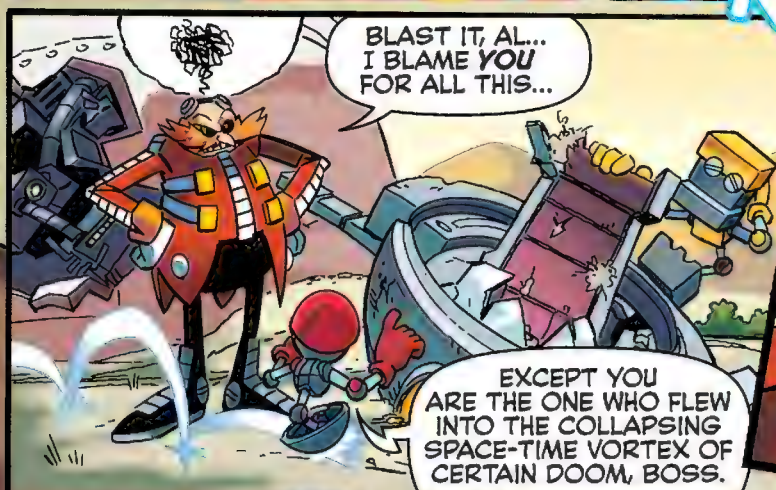
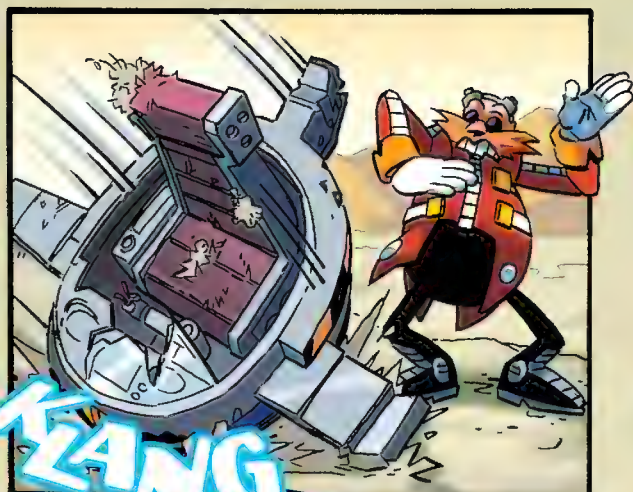
Oh, YES, BOSS.  
SURPRISINGLY IN  
ONE PIECE.

SPEAK FER  
YERSELF I  
THINK I  
GOT A FEW  
SCREWS  
LOOSE.

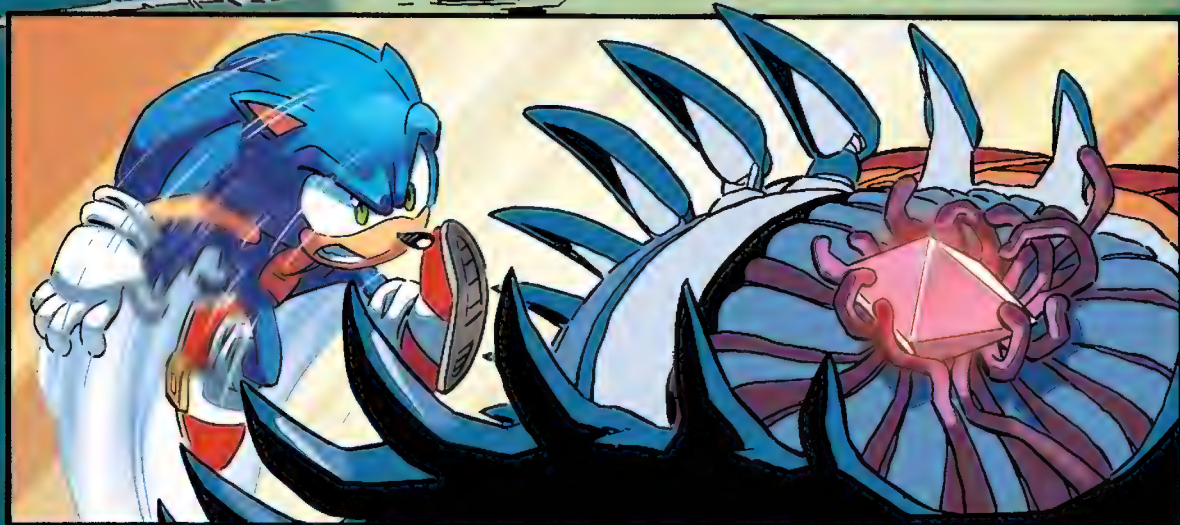
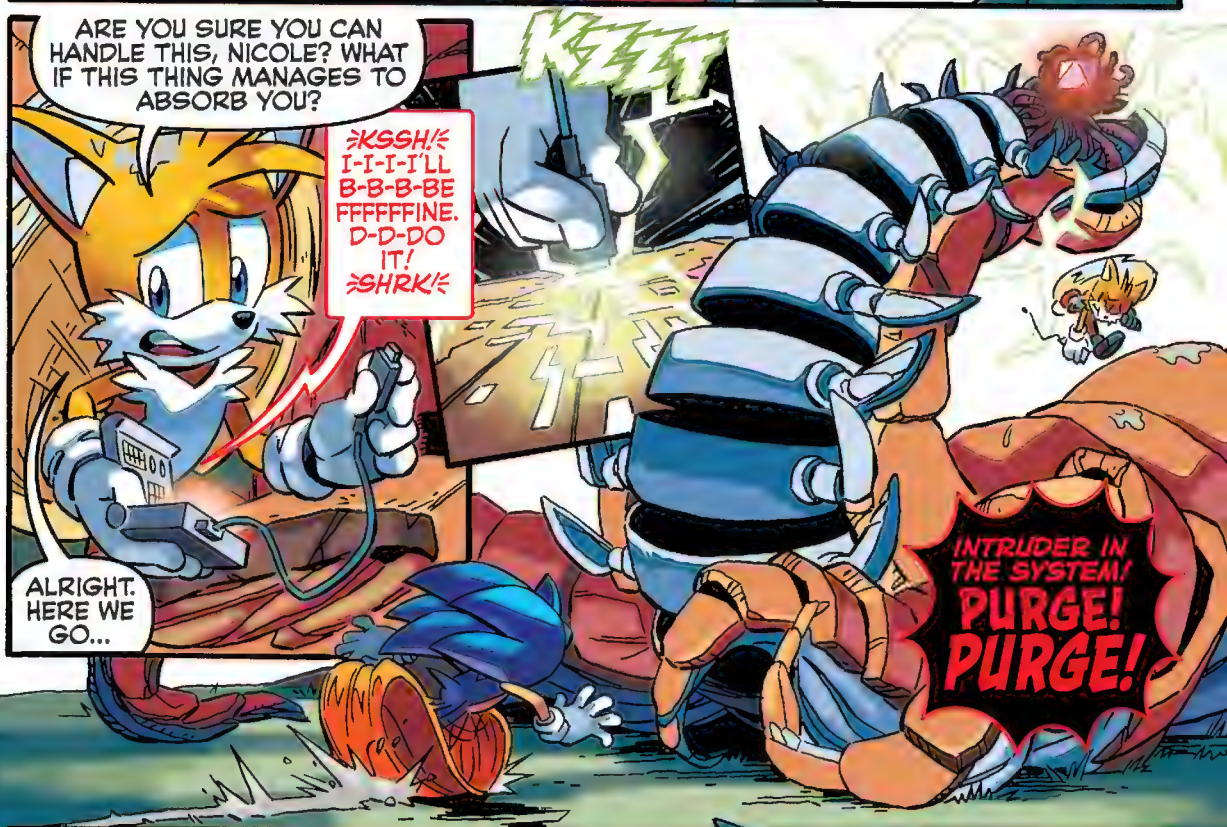
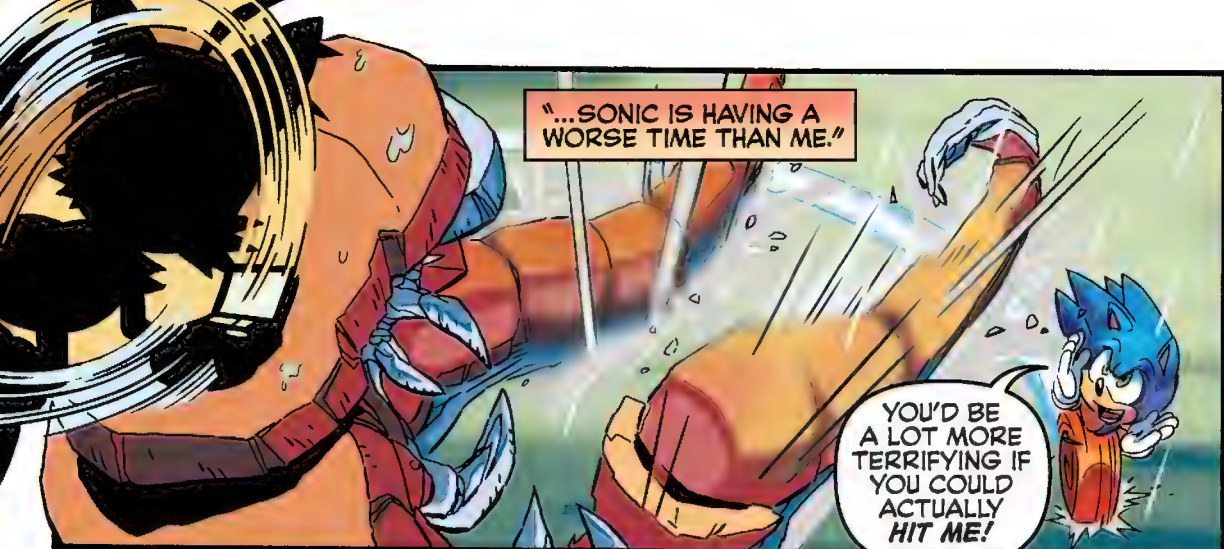
I'VE BEEN  
SAYING THAT  
FOR A WHILE.

ORBOT  
& CUBOT  
ROBOT  
LACKEYS











# KRASH

GOTCHA!

THIS IS WHAT ALL THE FUSS WAS ABOUT?

HOW ARE YOUR SYSTEMS, NICOLE?

DID ANY OF TAILS DOLL'S CODING GET BACK INTO YOU?

N-N-NO  
ERROR.  
FFFFINE.

OKAY, SO WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO KEEP THIS GUY FROM GETTING BIG AND UGLY AGAIN?

JUST DIS-ABLE HIS CONTROL GEM.

COOL. CAN-DO.

SNAP

THUNK





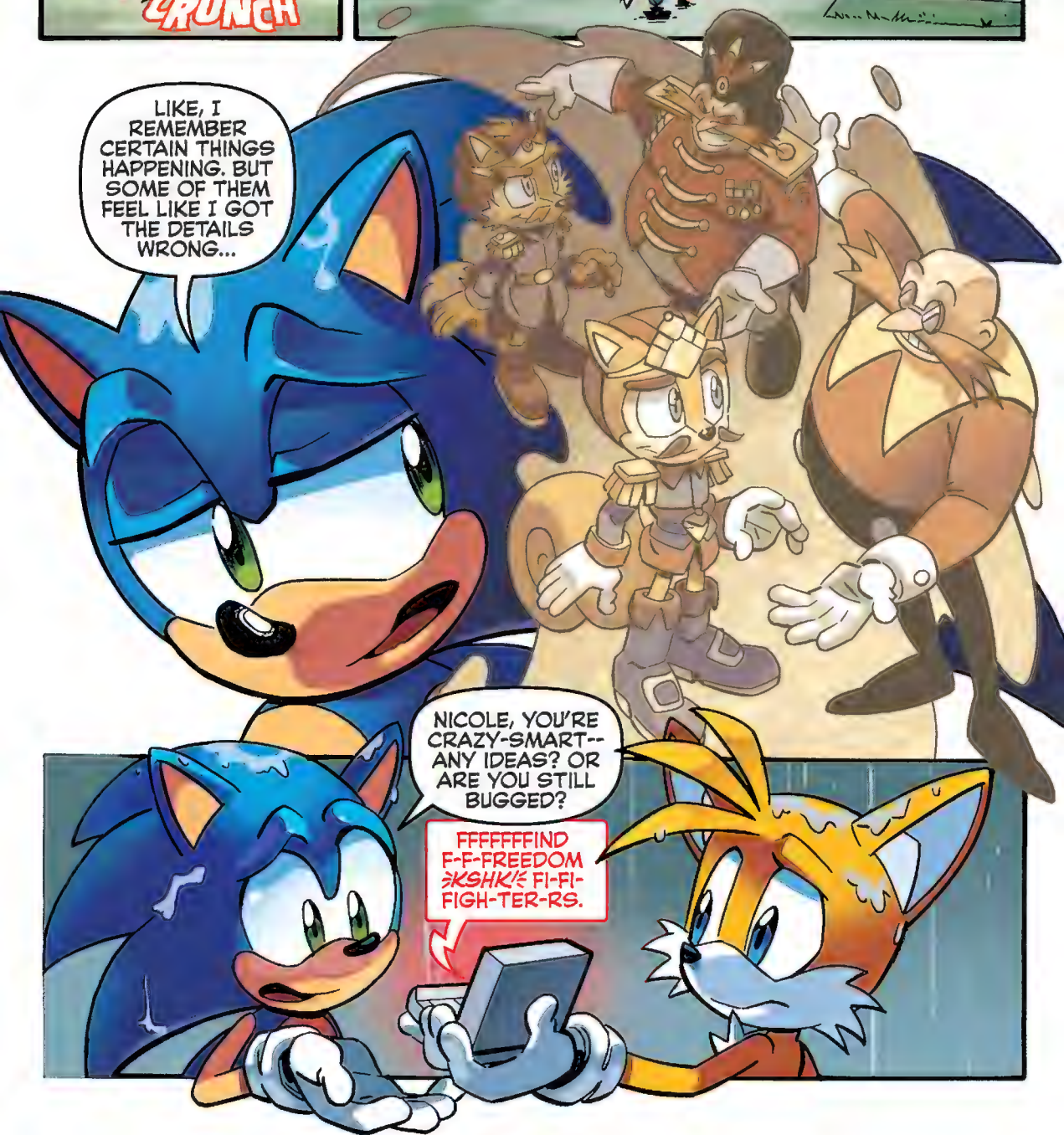
OKAY, THAT SETTLES ONE BIT OF WEIRDNESS FOR TODAY. TIME TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT CRISIS.



THE TWO WORLDS. THE TWO SETS OF MEMORIES... HISTORIES... IT'S LIKE I'M WAKING UP FROM A DREAM THAT FELT TOO REAL... OR STILL DREAMING IT.

IT'S NOT JUST ME, RIGHT? YOU REMEMBER STUFF TOO, DON'T YOU?

YEAH, AND I'M STARTING TO REMEMBER NEW "OLD" STUFF, TOO.

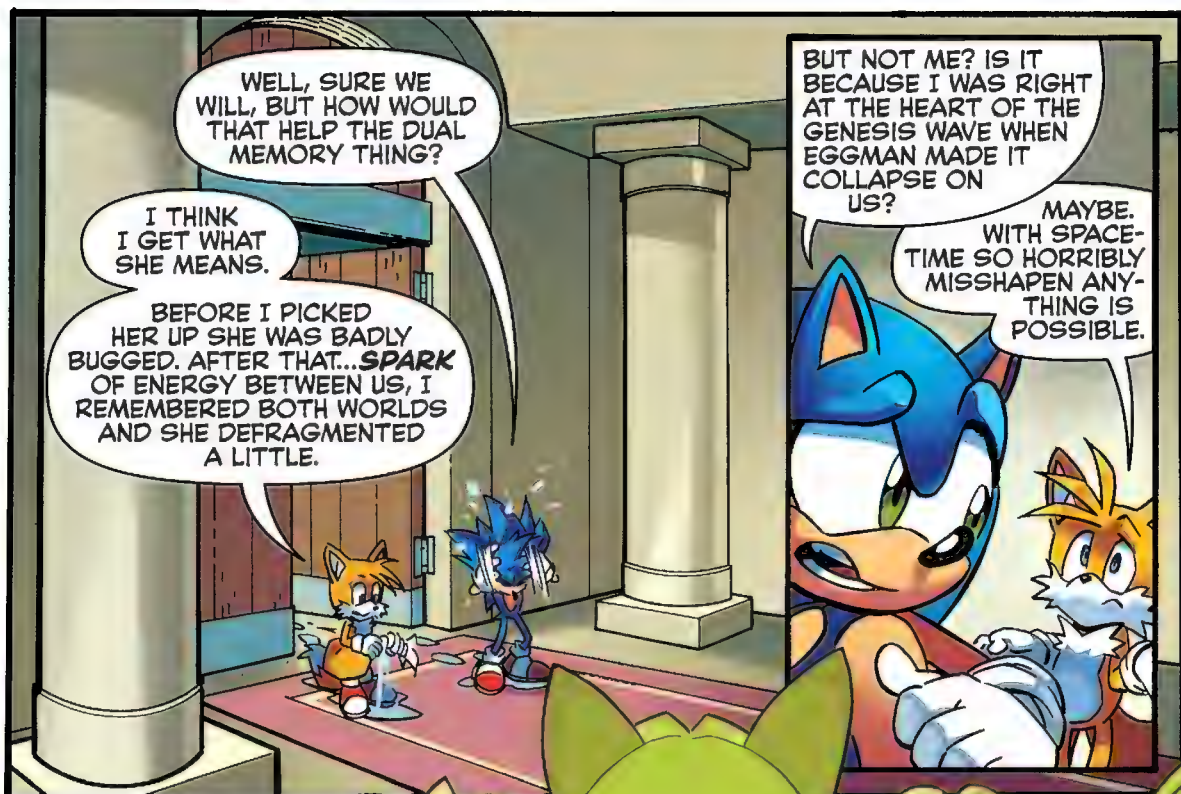


LIKE, I REMEMBER CERTAIN THINGS HAPPENING. BUT SOME OF THEM FEEL LIKE I GOT THE DETAILS WRONG...

NICOLE, YOU'RE CRAZY-SMART-- ANY IDEAS? OR ARE YOU STILL BUGGED?

FFFFFFFFFF  
F-F-FREEDOM  
KSHK'S FI-FI-  
FIGH-TER-RS.





WELL, SURE WE WILL, BUT HOW WOULD THAT HELP THE DUAL MEMORY THING?

I THINK I GET WHAT SHE MEANS.

BEFORE I PICKED HER UP SHE WAS BADLY BUGGED. AFTER THAT...**SPARK** OF ENERGY BETWEEN US, I REMEMBERED BOTH WORLDS AND SHE DEFRAGMENTED A LITTLE.

BUT NOT ME? IS IT BECAUSE I WAS RIGHT AT THE HEART OF THE GENESIS WAVE WHEN EGGMAN MADE IT COLLAPSE ON US?

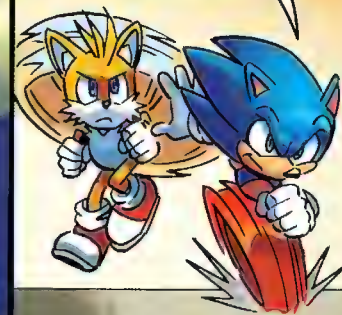
MAYBE. WITH SPACE-TIME SO HORRIBLY MISSHAPEN ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

IF YOU'RE THE EPICENTER OF ALL THIS, MAYBE THE OTHERS AND I CAN REACT WITH NICOLE SINCE WE ALL HAVE SUCH A **CLOSE CONNECTION** TO YOU. WE'D NEED TO FIND THE OTHERS TO TEST THIS OUT, OF COURSE.

AS FOR NAUGUS, HE WAS PRETTY MESSED UP BY THE **FIRST** GENESIS WAVE. I BET HE INTERACTED WITH NICOLE AND THAT'S WHY HE FREAKED OUT AND RAN OFF.

I KNOW IT SHOOK **ME** PRETTY BADLY.

WELL, HE'S A PROBLEM THAT SOLVED HIMSELF FOR ONCE. WE NEED TO FIND THE REST OF THE TEAM, SO LET'S HURRY UP AND FINISH SAVING THE KING.





SOON--UNDER  
CASTLE ACORN

THIS IS SOME  
SERIOUS HARDWARE.  
NAUGUS PRIDES HIM-  
SELF ON HIS MAGIC.  
WHERE DID HE  
GET THIS?

NICOLE!

THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE  
SAFE! DID NAUGUS GIVE YOU  
ANY TROUBLE?

BOYS!

KER-KLAKK

F-F-FIRST W-WAVE ♪ZZT/€ POWERLESS-LESS-LESS.  
ST-ST-STOLE FROM EGG-G-G-G-MAN, WHO ♪KZZT/€  
T-T-T-TAILS D-D-D-DOLL.

NOPE, JUST A LAUGH.  
HE BAILED BEFORE WE  
COULD KICK HIM OUT.

THE COWARD.  
NO WORRIES, I'M  
SURE YOU'LL FIND  
HIM IN TIME.

I'M JUST THANKFUL TO BE OUT OF  
THAT OTHER DREADFUL CELL. I DON'T  
EVEN KNOW WHY WE HAVE THIS  
OLD DUNGEON STILL!

I APOLOGIZE FOR GETTING YOU CAPTURED,  
NICOLE. HAD I NOT DELAYED YOU, YOUR  
PHYSICAL FORM WOULDN'T HAVE RUN OUT  
AND...HELLO?

SHE'S DEALING WITH A...  
SYSTEM ERROR, SIRE.  
NAUGUS MUST'VE DONE  
SOMETHING TO HER.

THEN I'M  
DOUBLY SORRY,  
DEAR GIRL!

IT'S WEIRD SEEING KING ACORN SO HEALTHY,  
LIVELY...AND NOT A TOTAL JERK. MAYBE SOME  
GOOD WILL COME FROM THIS WORLD-  
CHANGE AFTER ALL!



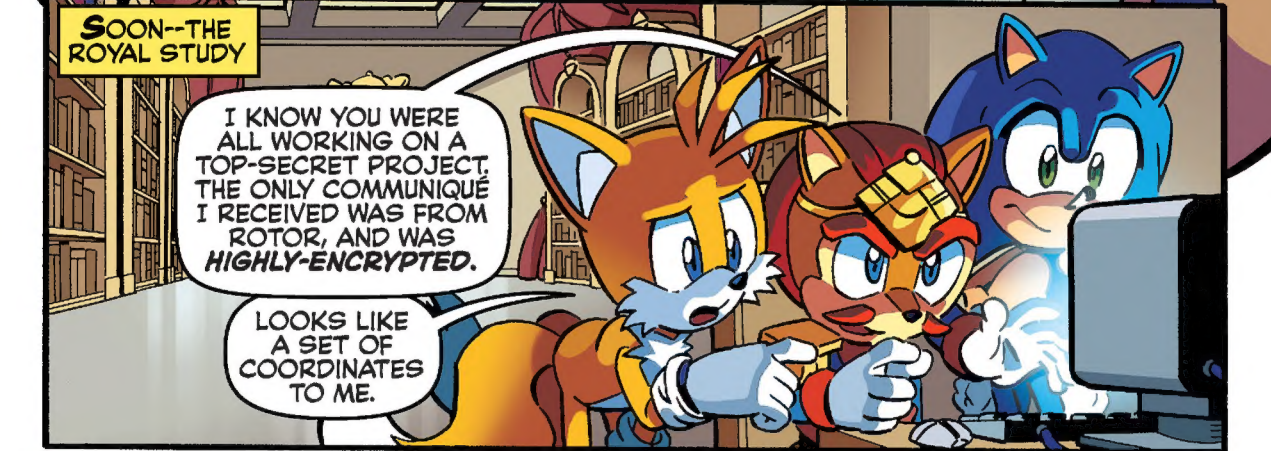


IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO ASSIST YOU IN REPAIRING THE DAMAGE?

CAN YOU PUT US IN CONTACT WITH ROTOR AND THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS? WE...UH ...KINDA LOST CONTACT WITH EVERYBODY.

NOT DIRECTLY, BUT I CAN POINT YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

SOON--THE ROYAL STUDY



I KNOW YOU WERE ALL WORKING ON A TOP-SECRET PROJECT. THE ONLY COMMUNIQUE I RECEIVED WAS FROM ROTOR, AND WAS **HIGHLY-ENCRYPTED**.

LOOKS LIKE A SET OF COORDINATES TO ME.



GREAT! LET'S GET MOVING THEN. THE TORNADO IS PARKED AT THE ROYAL AIRSTRIP, RIGHT?

RIGHT...I **THINK**.

BOYS, IF I COULD TROUBLE YOU FOR ONE MORE THING...



SURE THING, KINGY.

WHILE I WOULD NOT ASK YOU TO PRIORITIZE YOUR FRIENDS...

...I ASK YOU TO LET ME KNOW THE **MOMENT** YOU'VE FOUND MY DAUGHTER.



THE ARCTIC

"I KNOW SHE'S CAPABLE OF  
TAKING CARE OF HERSELF..."

"...BUT STILL,  
IN THESE  
DANGEROUS  
TIMES, IT  
WOULD EASE  
MY MIND..."

"...TO KNOW  
MY SALLY IS  
SAFE."

**A** NEW WORLD  
DISCOVERED!  
MYSTERIES  
ABOUND!

**A**ND SALLY  
NO LONGER A  
ROBOT?! THE  
ADVENTURE  
CONTINUES  
NEXT TIME AS  
WE BEGIN  
THE...

COUNTDOWN  
TO **CHAOS!!**





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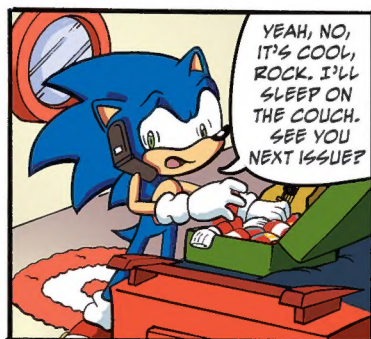
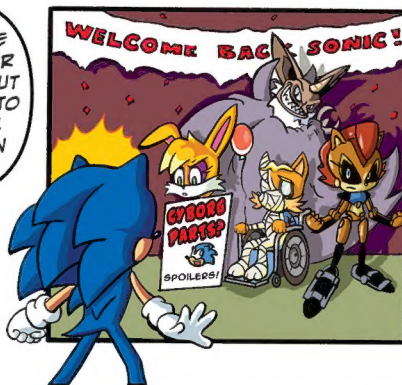


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AAAAH... THE  
CROSSOVER  
WAS FUN, BUT  
I'M READY TO  
GET BACK  
TO MY OWN  
BOOK!



YEAH, NO,  
IT'S COOL,  
ROCK. I'LL  
SLEEP ON  
THE COUCH.  
SEE YOU  
NEXT ISSUE?



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**Dear 'Sonic Grams,'**

I'm gonna make this nice and short for this month's Sonic-Grams as I'm at a loss for words after reading last issue. I would like to thank you for this epic 12 part saga, Sonic & Mega Man™ "Worlds Collide".

**You're welcome! Thank YOU for reading it! :)**

First of all, the whole story has been awesome. Every single panel from each and every page and issue has been outstanding, mind-blowing and packed with surprises around each and every corner.

**You got that right! "Worlds Collide" was packed with all sorts of goodies, even little details in the backgrounds! Did you spot 'em all?! Let us know! Also, if you missed the epicness of the Sonic and Mega Man crossover, fear not, because volume one is available for pre-order now!**

Also, this has to be my second time writing up a letter since #247. I hope for the best in future times for both Archie and the comic itself.

**Until then, Your blue blur/duo fan, Walter S. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com**

P.S: Keep up the good work all of you. You're doing great so far!

**Thanks for writing in and for the kind words, Walter!**

**Dear 'Sonic Grams,'**

I love your comics! I'm a big fan of Metal Sonic, along with the whole Metal series too! Thanks for all of the hard work on the comics,guys! They are so awesome!!

**Your "I love your comics" fan, Beau F. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com**

**Thanks, Beau! Keep your eyes peeled for more "Metal" action in upcoming issues!**

**Dear 'Sonic-Grams,'**

I've really been enjoying the crossover so far and I can't wait for "Countdown to Chaos"! The Freedom Fighters look awesome! I have a fan art submission for the "Sonic the Hedgehog" comic book.

**Thanks! Fan art you say? Is that your work I see on the previous page?!**

I'm really looking forward to the new stories Ian Flynn is bringing to us as well as Tracy Yardley's "Pirate Plunder Panic" story in Sonic Universe! Keep bringing us awesome stories of our favorite universe and stay way past cool, Sonic-Grams!

**Lefty S.sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com**

**Thanks for the letter, Lefty!**

**See ya'll next month for part one of COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS!**

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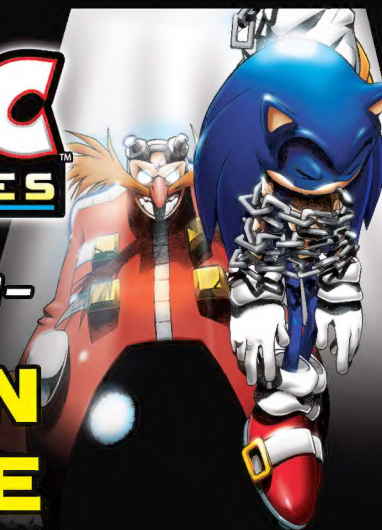
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